

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

BENKELMAN has decided to have a big jollification on the Fourth.

The bank examiner has completed his examination of the bank of Benkelman. He found everything satisfactory.

The old settlers of Otoe county recently held their annual reunion and barbecue at Morton park, Nebraska City.

A few nights since the residence of Dr. Anderson, of Wahoo, was entered by burglars and a gold watch and small sum of money stolen.

DR. W. S. NEWLON, of Oswego, Kan., declares that he camped on the town-site of Omaha in 1853. "There was not a house standing there then. It was Indian land," says the doctor, "and the prairie flowers grew unmolested by man or beast."

The Knox County Fair association has issued its premium lists for the 13th annual fair to be held at Creighton September 8, 9, 10 and 11. The association is making great preparations and expects to have the finest fair ever held in that section of the state.

The three informations, two for embezzlement and one for forgery, pending against ex-Water Commissioner George E. Hawkins, at Beatrice, have been withdrawn by the county attorney, Hawkins some time ago having made a settlement with the city.

The mortgage indebtedness of Valley county for the month of May is as follows: Farm mortgages filed, \$7,833.82; satisfied, \$5,143; town mortgages filed, \$2,736.50; satisfied, \$250; 142 chattel mortgages filed, \$18,307.26; 17 released, \$1,832.98; six sheriff's deeds.

FLOODS in Howard county are reported to have done \$100,000 damages. Two large bridges over the North Loup river were swept away, besides many smaller ones. A great number of horses, cattle and hogs were drowned. Many farmers lost their buildings.

At the session of the Swedish Lutheran synod, lately held at Omaha, it was decided that none of the schools of the various conferences should be allowed to erect buildings, extend courses or take other important steps without first obtaining the consent of the synod.

ALARMED by the frequency and severity of cyclones this summer, the attaches of the Union Stock Yards Co. at Nebraska City have had a cyclone cellar built in the bluff near the exchange building and are now said to be impatient for an opportunity to test the strength of their shelter.

The assessed valuation of Red Willow county for 1895 is as follows: Personal, \$207,678.01; Republican Valley Railroad Co., \$133,859; Oxford & Kansas Railroad Co., \$67,655; Pullman Palace Car Co., \$1,073.80; real estate, \$739,543.38; total, \$1,149,809.19. The valuation for 1895 was \$1,166,038.20.

DURING a late storm the town of Dannebrog was inundated and for a time there were four to seven feet of water in the streets. The waters rushed into every house and store in the south part of town, doing great damage and causing the inhabitants to flee to the hills and elevator and other places for safety.

At a late meeting of the business men of Grand Island it was decided to observe the Fourth of July in a fitting manner. Committees were appointed to solicit subscriptions. The programme is to include a trades parade, speaking, dinner at the finest park in the city, races of all kinds, baseball games and fireworks.

A GANG of confidence men connected with a circus, which was recently showing at Fairbury, succeeded in victimizing a lot of suckers with games as old as the hills, one man paying \$55 for his experience. Some of the victims "squealed" and swore out warrants for the arrest of the showmen, who finally refunded nearly \$100 of the money.

Gov. HOLCOMB has received from Maj. T. S. Clarkson, of Omaha, secretary of the Nebraska club, a report of supplies forwarded to the cyclone sufferers at Sherman, Tex., from Nebraska donors. They were consigned to C. H. Smith, chairman of the Sherman relief committee, and were all transported free of expense by the railroads.

Two boys were fishing in the Loup river near Duncan, when the recent storm struck that locality, and the sudden rise of the stream forced them to take refuge on a small island, where they were held prisoners 36 hours without food and no clothing, but a shirt, the dangerous condition of the river making it impossible to rescue them sooner.

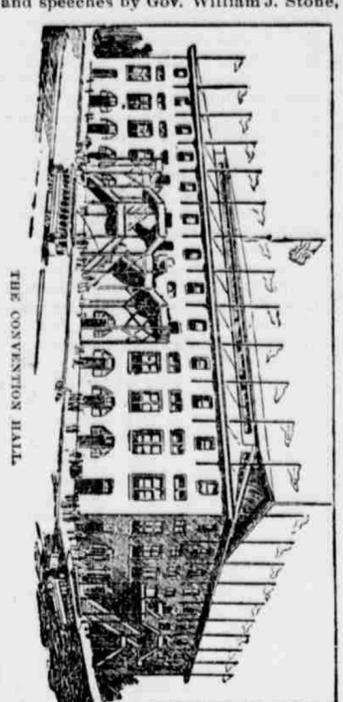
The members of the state fish commission have submitted a report to Gov. Holcomb concerning the manner in which the business of the commission has been conducted. They say that the business of the commission has not been conducted according to business methods, especially in the disbursement of funds by the superintendent, M. E. O'Brien.

A DISASTROUS storm struck Loup City the other evening. The family of Joseph McCoy went into the cyclone cellar, and when it began to fill with water they all got out except the little girl, Nellie, seven years old. She was drowned. The house of James Bradley started to float away, but caught on a slight elevation and the family was rescued, and the family of John Ohlson was compelled to cut a hole in the ceiling of the house and crawl into the attic for safety.

AUDITORIUM DEDICATED.

The National Republican Convention Hall Formally Opened.

ST. LOUIS, June 11.—The convention hall was dedicated last night by impressive exercises and in the presence of a large number of people. Senator Carter and other members of the national committee and some of the most prominent people in the city occupied seats on the stage. The services consisted of vocal and instrumental music and speeches by Gov. William J. Stone,



Hon. S. M. Kennard, chairman of the local committee, Mayor Walbridge and others. Each delegate is allowed six tickets. This will give to Kansas 120, to Missouri 204, to Oklahoma 36 or 12 and the same to the Indian territory. It is estimated that there will be 1,500 Kansans here, 500 from Oklahoma and about the same number from the Indian territory.

WHEAT PROSPECTS.

The Latest Government Crop Report Indicates a Normal Yield.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Percentage of acres of wheat harvested last year have been obtained from a greatly enlarged list of correspondents, inquiries being addressed in particular to 15,000 of the principal millers throughout the country, to whose careful comparison of present acreage with that of previous years many corrections of the preliminary estimates of December last are due. These returns reduced to acreages gives for the principal winter states: California, 3,011,000; Kansas, 2,684,000; Ohio, 2,422,000; Indiana, 2,294,000; Illinois, 1,906,000; Missouri, 1,418,000; Pennsylvania, 1,239,000; Michigan, 1,202,000; total winter area, 22,794,000. Since the May report the conditions of winter wheat has fallen 4.8 per cent., that of June being 77.5 against 82.7 on May 1. The percentages of the principal states: Pennsylvania, 70; Kentucky, 65; Ohio, 55; Michigan, 73; Indiana, 70; Illinois, 87; Missouri, 80; Kansas, 85, and California, 98. The preliminary report places the acreage of oats at 98.9 per cent. of last year's area and the general condition at 98.8, against 83.3 same day in 1895.

From Europe a prevailing lack of rain is reported, with injury to crops generally in Spain, Italy and Great Britain. Hay and pasture injury in France, but wheat especially abundant. Prospects average in Austria, Roumania and Bulgaria, exceptionally good in Germany and Russia.

A BABY KILLER HANGED.

Mrs. Dyer, the Cruel Slayer of Many Infants, Meets Retribution.

LONDON, June 11.—Mrs. Annie Dyer, the Reading baby farmer, who presumably had murdered scores of infants entrusted to her care, was hanged in Newgate prison yesterday morning. Since she was sentenced to death Mrs. Dyer twice attempted to commit suicide in Newgate prison. Eaterly she was watched day and night and was deprived of everything except her most necessary clothing, even her hairpins being taken from her. The woman was completely dazed when she was led to the scaffold this morning and had to be supported by the wardresses who had her in charge since she was sentenced to die. Although Mrs. Dyer was clearly proven to have committed numerous murders of infants, she was tried on a selected charge of killing a little girl, the child of a barmaid, whom she had adopted for the sum of £10. The child was strangled with a piece of tape and its body sunk in the Thames at Reading. The bodies of seven other children who had been strangled were found in the river at the time the barmaid's infant was recovered. It has only been a month since Mrs. Dyer was convicted.

Three Negroes Lynched.

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 12.—An armed mob overpowered the jailer at Bryan last night and hanged George Johnson, Louis Whitehead and Jim Reddick, negroes, accused of criminal assault. The two former confessed, but the latter protested his innocence to the last.

A FATAL FIRE.

A Barrel of Oil Explodes and Scatters Flames in Every Direction.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 13.—At 2:30 this morning a barrel of oil in the basement of a bakery owned by Kuebuegunde Garische, at No. 83 Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, exploded with a frightful report and scattered flames in every direction. Several people were sleeping on the second floor of the building, but before they could escape the structure was enveloped in flames. Mrs. Garische, aged 74 years, leaped from the window, striking squarely on her head on the stone pavement, and was instantly killed. The firemen made a rush into the building and lying on the floor found Mr. Garische unconscious from heat and smoke. A grandchild, aged five years, was found dead in his crib. Lottie, aged 12 years, was badly burned about the head and hands and will probably die. Mrs. Garische, Jr., escaped by aid of the firemen with slight injuries and burns. Two other persons were also rescued by the firemen.

THE FIGHT FOR CONGRESS.

Efforts Will Be Bent by Both Parties to Elect National Legislators.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Congressman Babcock, of Wisconsin, chairman of the congressional campaign committee, after the St. Louis convention will return here and begin active work in the campaign to elect a republican majority in the house of the Fifty-Fifth congress. He has convinced himself that the main efforts of the democrats will be directed to electing a majority of the next house rather than to elect a president. For the republicans to elect a president and fail to control the house would, in his judgment, be a calamity, and he purposes to leave no stone unturned in an effort to choose at least a safe working majority in that body in which all revenue legislation must originate. Congressman Mercer, of Nebraska, has been selected as secretary of the committee and W. P. Sutton, of Michigan, assistant secretary.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Speculative Reaction Has Not Changed the Business Outlook.

NEW YORK, June 13.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Speculative reaction has not in the least changed the business outlook. The fictitious prices made for wheat and cotton meant no good except for individuals, and the change to prices more nearly in accord with actual relations of demand and supply only conform to conditions which have been well known for months. The government report as to wheat indicates a much smaller yield than anybody really expects, but that has become so much the rule that the report has no real influence and the principal effect was the serious depression caused by large sales in anticipation of the report, which seemed to be thoroughly known in advance to some speculators. The government estimate as to cotton was unexpectedly favorable and has caused a decline of more than half a cent in a single week, but it is only just to say that some reaction from artificial prices would have come earlier if information much more reliable than that of the government had not been persistently discredited. Failures for the week have been 216 in the United States against 211 last year, and 27 in Canada against 34 last year.

MANY MINERS ENTOMBED.

At Taylorville, Ill., 85 Men Are Buried, but All Are Rescued Save Three.

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., June 13.—The Taylorville coal mining works were destroyed by fire yesterday morning and 85 men entombed. After hours of suffocation, all but three were rescued alive. The fire, which was caused by an explosion of gasoline, spread rapidly through the mine, cutting off the men at work in the lower levels. Those rescued were taken out through a shaft that the fire did not reach. The flames are still raging below and the bodies of the three dead miners cannot be gotten. Twenty mules also perished. The loss by fire will be \$75,000, fully insured.

SENATOR WHITE'S VIEWS.

The California Man Favors Resorting to a Constitutional Amendment.

GALLUP, N. M., June 13.—Senator Stephen M. White, of California, passed through here yesterday on his way from Washington to his home in Los Angeles. In discussing the platform to be adopted by the democratic convention the senator said:

I would be heartily in favor of amending the constitution so as to give congress the power to impose a tax on all incomes. The decision of the supreme court on the income tax bill I regard as a great misfortune, not only because of its direct bearing upon the problem of raising revenue, but because it reversed the precedents of a century and discredits the court itself. The dissenting opinions of White and Harlan seem to me unanswerable.

NO WOMEN DELEGATES.

Mrs. Fales, of New York, Refused Recognition by the Populist Party.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Mrs. Imogene C. Fales, of Bensonhurst, familiarly known as the "mother of the people's party" in Brooklyn, who was recently chosen as a delegate to the national convention of the populist party, was officially informed by the state committee that she was not acceptable as a delegate. She was notified by the secretary that the state platform did not recognize women on an equality with men, and that it has made no provision for women delegates.

Seventy Men Lost by Earthquake.

LONDON, June 13.—The Westminster Gazette publishes a news agency dispatch from Bombay saying it is reported there that the British warship Bonaventure, while making a passage from Colombo, Ceylon, to Pondicherry, capital of the French settlement in India, lost 70 men by sunstroke.

RIOTOUS STUDENTS.

Harvard Boys Go Wild Over a Baseball Victory and Several Land in Jail.

BOSTON, June 12.—Three thousand Harvard men, encouraged by the phenomenal event of a Harvard baseball victory over Princeton, fought 100 policemen in the streets of historic old Cambridge Wednesday night. It was the biggest riot the university had ever seen. The moment it was known Harvard had won there was a roar that shook every window for a mile around. Then all was pandemonium. In half an hour there was on foot the biggest celebration ever known at Harvard. The whole city was a blaze of red fire, while all kinds of fireworks spouted in every direction and the evening was made hideous with the blasts of a thousand giant horns and the firing of revolvers. A mammoth procession was formed and marched to Harvard square. The police, anticipating trouble, were out in extra force. While cheering for the members of the team were going on, Clay Stone Briggs, a Harvard student from Galveston, Tex., was arrested. He had discharged his revolver in the very face of a policeman. As the policemen were hurrying him off the mob took in the situation and there was a mad rush of 3,000 enraged students to the rescue. A line of Harvard men jumped on the backs of the policemen, who still clung to their prisoner. Finally the police were victorious and three students were dragged into the station house and the heavy doors were slammed in the faces of the howling mob. For an hour 3,000 mad students surrounded the station clamoring for the release of the prisoners. The students refused to disperse until the three men who were arrested had been released on bail. They then departed, cheering, as they left the police station with the three heroes mounted on the shoulders of the mob.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Aggregate for the Session, \$515,759,82 Discussed from Two Points.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Chairman Cannon, of the appropriation committee, and ex-Chairman Sayers yesterday made public a joint statement concerning the expenditures authorized by this congress, discussing them from republican and democratic standpoints, respectively. The total appropriations for the session, including permanent annual appropriations, is \$515,759,820.49.

The following table of appropriations is given by Mr. Cannon: Fifty-First congress, \$988,417,183.34; Fifty-Second congress, \$1,027,104,547.92; Fifty-Third congress, \$989,329,205.69; Fifty-Fourth congress (first session), \$515,759,820.49. The revenues for three fiscal years of the Harrison administration, ended June 30, 1892, are given as \$1,150,631,214; expenditures, \$998,131,501; for the two complete fiscal years of Cleveland's administration: Revenues, \$611,112,094; expenditures, \$723,720,578.

Mr. Sayers, in his statement, says of the total appropriations for the session: This sum exceeds the appropriation made during the last session of the Fifty-Third congress by \$18,751,299.83, and those of the first regular session of that congress by \$23,523,357.46.

ORIENTAL CHEAP LABOR.

Japan a Strong Factor in the Great World of Trade.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Chairman Dingley, of the house ways and means committee, yesterday made a report on the menace to American manufacturers by the threatened invasion of the cheap products of Oriental labor, and upon the effects of the difference of exchange between gold standard and silver standard countries upon United States manufacturing and agriculture, these questions having been investigated by the committee. The report says the sudden awakening of Japan from the Oriental slumber of centuries is being followed by an equally rapid westernizing of her methods of industry; that while the Japanese do not have the inventive faculty of Americans, or even Europeans, their imitative faculties are wonderful. Their standard of living would be regarded as practical starvation by the workmen of the United States, and hours of labor average 12 a day. Such skilled workmen as blacksmiths, carpenters, masons, compositors, tailors and plasterers receive in Japanese cities only from 25 cents to 33 cents and factory operatives 5 cents to 20 cents per day, in our money, while farm hands receive \$1.44 per month. Europeans and Americans, says Mr. Dingley, are recognizing the profitable field afforded for investments and factories.

A DRUNKEN FATHER.

Tries to Murder His Family and Is Partially Successful.

CHICAGO, June 12.—Two years ago John Wolter was married to a widow who had about \$2,500. He then tried to obtain control of her property, and failing, took to drinking. Last night Wolter went home drunk, drew a revolver and shot his wife. The bullet struck his stepdaughter in the face and she fell to the floor in a dying condition. Then Wolter aimed at his other stepdaughter Jennie, but the mother sprang between and diverted her husband's aim, so that the girl was only wounded. She was hit in the stomach, however, and may die, as her sister has already. Wolter was prevented by neighbors from doing further harm.

THE WORK FINISHED.

The First Session of the Fifty-Fourth Congress Gets Through with Its Business and Adjourns.

The senate on the 9th agreed to the conference reports on the naval and Indian appropriation bills. The resolution for an inquiry into the award of the Sherman statue was defeated after a lively debate. The attempt to pass the Hovey pension bill over the president's veto failed for want of a quorum. The house bill passed for locating a federal prison on the Fort Leavenworth military reservation. The house agreed to the conference report on the naval and Indian bills. The attempt to hold a quorum occupied much of the proceedings. A resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee to investigate the Leavenworth soldiers' home and the house adjourned until morning.

The senate on the 10th disposed of the last of the appropriation bills—the sundry civil—and fixed four o'clock the next day as the time for adjourning. A number of bills were passed during the day, including the contempt of court bill, an outcome of Debs' imprisonment at the time of the Chicago railroad strike. An enormous amount of business was transacted by the house, 53 bills and joint resolutions being passed, the most important of which was probably the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the Transmississippi exposition at Omaha, Neb. The senate amendment for final adjournment at four p. m. of the 11th was agreed to.

Both houses of congress adjourned at four o'clock on the 11th. No business was transacted in the senate, and the house was practically in the same condition. In the latter body, just before adjournment, Mr. Turner, of Georgia, (dem.), offered a resolution of thanks to speaker Reed which was adopted by a standing vote, to which the speaker responded in a pleasant manner and the session of both houses closed with the best of feeling.

DOWN IN MEXICO.

Work of a Storm Done Among Our Southern Neighbors.

MEXICO, June 11.—Details of a tornado which devastated the town of Topac, state of Jalisco, have just arrived. It was accompanied by a waterspout that detached from the sides of the mountains enormous masses of rocks, and mud was piled up in the streets of the town to the depth of eight feet. In some cases it reached the level of the lower branches of trees into which the inhabitants had climbed to escape the inundation of water and mud. Three-fourths of the town was utterly destroyed. Thirteen bodies have been taken out from the mass of earth, including several children, and many people were so badly injured that the last rites of the church were administered. More than 30 persons are missing and it is expected their bodies will be discovered under the debris. The storm was a most terrific roaring of water and at the same time the wind was blowing a hurricane. Everyone has been impoverished by the wholesale destruction.

HAWAII DEFIES ENGLAND.

The Little Republic Does Not Propose to Allow Volney Ashford's Return.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.—The steamer Australia from Honolulu brings confirmation of the story concerning the demand made by Great Britain that Volney Ashford be permitted to return to Hawaii. The Dole government is very much excited over the report, but the president of the little republic is pursuing a conservative course in dealing with the matter. It is stated by the Honolulu Star that the republic declines to accept the British foreign office's view of this case, refuses to pardon or remove the ban, and adds that if Col. Ashford is landed under British or other auspices or protection until there has been an extended and complete review of the case, the action will be at least protested and there is a likelihood of Hawaii calling upon the United States to extend its offices in the dispute.

Rev. Sprague Taylor a Rascal.

CLEVELAND, O., June 13.—It now transpires that William Sprague Taylor, formerly secretary of the chief of police of Kansas City, Mo., was a rascal. Recently he entered the ministry and was pastor of a prominent church in this city, and became engaged to a handsome young lady. However, his wife whom he had left at St. Louis appeared on the scene and rudely interrupted the arrangements. Taylor was then taken to St. Louis by his neglected wife, where he died two days later in a hospital.

Ten Thousand for the Volunteers.

CHICAGO, June 13.—The largest gift yet bestowed in this country upon either the volunteers or the Salvation army has been made to Commander Ballington Booth's army, the volunteers, by Mrs. Julia C. Daly, of this city. The donation consists of two lots at Monroe street and Hanon avenue, valued at \$10,000, and is absolutely unconditional. It is probable the lots will be exchanged for property on Madison street, where barracks will be erected.

Fatal Trolley Car Accident.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 13.—A wild trolley car on the McKeesport division of the Second avenue line dash into a work car near Calhoun park yesterday. Joseph Herrman, of Cincinnati, a saengerfest visitor, was so badly injured that he will die. A section hand of the company was pinned under the work car, which had to be "jacked" to pull him out. He will also die. Six or eight others were hurt, but not seriously.

Would Not Bar Catholics.

ST. LOUIS, June 13.—A few days ago the Marquette club of this city, a Catholic organization, wrote the various presidential candidates asking if they would discriminate against Catholics in the administration of the office. So far Gov. Morton, of New York, is the only one to make reply. He states that he would treat all citizens alike without regard to their religious belief.